

Public Notice of Intent to Award

December 9, 2022

Procurement Type and Number	Request for Proposal # 3120002542
Procurement Title	3 rd Party Warehouse Operator
Opening Date and Time	November 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

The Department of Revenue (referred to as "DOR" or "Department") requested written proposals to provide a 3rd Party Warehouse Operator for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division ("Department" "State" or "ABC") located at 1286 Gluckstadt Road, Madison County, Mississippi, during the term of the proposed contract, in accordance with the requirements of the proposal and any resulting contracts.

DOR will contract for these services with a single vendor for a four-year term with an option of 2 four-year renewals. However, in accordance with Senate Bill No. 2844 Section 3(4) the initial contract will terminate on the earlier of 4 years from the contract commencement date or the last day of use of the warehouse that is in service on July 1, 2022.

The services under the contract include, but are not limited to, information technology services for order management, route planning and invoicing licensees, administrative management of the warehouse, order processing, truck loading and maintaining a staff of employees sufficient to carry out these responsibilities.

DOR released the 3rd Party Warehouse Operator Request for Proposals (RFP) # 3120002542 on October 11, 2022. In response to the RFP, DOR received four (4) proposals. Each of the proposals were evaluated and deemed responsive according to the criteria stated in the solicitation.

The following vendors submitted responses to the above solicitation and are listed in the order of ranking from highest to lowest evaluation score:

- Ruan Transport Corporation Des Moines, IA
- Southern Glazer's Leasing, LLC Miami, FL
- Mitchell Beverage Meridian, Inc. Meridian, MS
- Republic National Distributing Co. Madison, MS

We announce our recommendation to award a contract to the following vendor subject to approval by the Public Procurement Review Board. This recommendation is based upon the vendor submitting the most highly scored proposal based on the evaluation criteria listed in the RFP:

• Ruan Transport Corporation – Des Moines, IA

We would like to thank each vendor for your time and efforts in preparing a response to this solicitation.

We invite you to contact Erica Green-Greenwood, Procurement Officer II, if you would like to request a post-award vendor debriefing under Rule 7-113 of the PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations. This debriefing is a meeting and not a hearing; therefore, legal representation is not required. However, if you prefer to have legal representation present, you must provide notification prior to the scheduled meeting so that we can also have legal representation present. Your request for debriefing must be received within three (3) business days after the issuance of this notice or no later than December 14, 2022. MDOR reserves the right to conduct any such debriefing via teleconference.

Vendors are reminded that any protests of this decision must be submitted to Erica Green-Greenwood, Procurement Officer II, within seven (7) calendar days after the issuance of this notice or no later than December 16, 2022. The protest must be in writing, identify the name and address of the protestor, provide appropriate identification of the procurement and resulting contract number (if known), and detail the nature of the protest, including available supporting exhibits, evidence, or documents to substantiate any claims.

The successful vendor is instructed not to begin work, purchase materials, or enter into subcontracts relating to the project or services until execution of the contract.

We appreciate your interest in doing business with the State of Mississippi.

Sincerely,

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